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Certificates held:

Royal Society for the Promotion of Health:

(a) Public Health Inspector
(b) Inspector of Meat & Other Foods
(c) Institute of Housing in Housing Management

Other Appointments held:

Housing Manager.

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D. SAXTON, M.A.P.H.I.

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Royal Society for the Promotion of Health:

(a) Public Health Inspector
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B. M. BAKER, M.A.P.H.I.

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(a) Diploma of Public Health Inspectors Education Board
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To: The Chairman and Members of the Flaxton Rural District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have had a hand in most of your Annual Reports for over 30 years, from producing the statistics, writing the narrative to typing the stencils and running off the copy. I am not sure whether to be sad or happy that this is the last one !

For many years the only technical officer of most Rural Districts was the Sanitary Inspector, now the Public Health Inspector, and the achievements of the Rural District Council were often dependent on his ability, drive and foresight. For forty years of its existence the Flaxton Rural District Council were fortunate in having Mr. Leslie Parker as their Surveyor and Public Health Inspector and he, with the support of the members, was largely responsible for the high standard of local government administration in the Flaxton Rural District.

On the 1st. April, 1974, the Flaxton Rural District merges with the Malton, Norton and Pickering Urban Districts and the Kirkbymoorside, Helmsley, Malton, Norton and Pickering Rural Districts to form the new Ryedale District, with Headquarters at Malton. There was a need for some re-organisation of local government, particularly such si situations as at Malton/Norton where four small authorities operated from what is virtually one small market town. However, it is possible that the present re-organisation has gone too far and the new arrangement is not likely to be to the benefit of the ratepayers of the Flaxton Rural District.

407 new houses were completed during the year, the highest total since 1962. Most of these were in the Haxby/Wigginton area. The housing situation generally, however, was depressing. The high cost of mortgages meant that none of your tenants bought their own house and moved out and an increasing number of applicants came on to the waiting list. At the end of the year the number on the waiting list was the highest for some time.

Two Housing Associations operated in the District for the first time. The Hanover Housing Association completed a sheltered housing scheme of 30 flats at Haxby for elderly persons and the British Legion Housing Association were building a similar scheme of 32 dwellings at Osbaldwick. These fell behind schedule and will not be ready for occupation until March, 1974. Although there is a need for sheltered housing, which the Council had not met themselves, I have many reservations over the role of Housing Associations. The rent levels fixed are likely to be much higher than anything we have known in the Rural District and it is to be expected that most of the tenants will come to the local authority for a rent allowance. The cost of these rent allowances will fall partly on the Council house tenants and partly on the ratepayers, yet neither will have any say in the letting of the dwellingsnor in the policies adopted by the Housing Associations who would appear to be answerable to no-one for their actions.

During its existence the Council have provided schemes of sewerage and sewage disposal to the extent that almost 95% of dwellings in the area are served. It is not possible to serve the isolated dwellings and groups of dwellings at an economic cost, but it is disappointing not to be able to report that the village of Lilling and the extension at Sandy Lane, Stockton-on-Forest are still not sewered. Delay in completing the working drawings in the office means that we will now have to wait for the Regional Water Authority to decide on their priorities.

The County Planning Authority produced a revised Town Map for the Flaxton Area during the year and it was on view for public comment in various parishes. It envisages further residential development in the parishes of Haxby and Wigginton, but the significant proposal is for the village of Strensall to be the next growth area. This involves the enlargement of all the public utility services and your Consulting Engineers are already working on the sewerage and sewage disposal part. The Ryedale Water Board are combining with the York Waterworks Company to increase the supply of water and it is expected that some development will start towards the end of 1975.

York Corporation ran into a great deal of trouble during 1973 over their Gipsy Caravan site at Love Lane, Fulford, where the numbers on the site have consistently exceeded the figure allowed and there has been much local opposition. Unfortunately the Corporation coupled with their application for an extension of the planning permission for that site an application for an alternative site on Clifton Awrodrome, which is in the Flaxton Rural District, and a Public Inquiry was held into both. No decision had been reached by the end of the year. With local government re-organisation imminent, it is possible that the North Yorkshire County Council will re-think the question of the siting of gipsy caravan sites without regard to district boundaries.

The Department was very fortunate again in that we had no changes of staff which is always a help to smooth running.. In this final report I would like to express my thanks to them all for their constant and friendly support; the Ryrdale District Council will indeed be fortunate if the same happy atmosphere prevails.

Over half the members ofthe Council will be leaving local government at the District Council level, although I expect that most will continue with Parish Council work. May I wish you a happy retirement ! For those who are continuing with the Ryedale District Council, may I wish you successful local government. In my opinion the biggest task facing you is that of housing. There is a great need for houses for young couples at either modest rents or modest mortgages. There is a great need for many more bungalows and/or flats for the elderly so that they can leave their older, too-large houses for something more suited to their needs and in areas where they wish to live. There is great potential for residential development to meet most of the needs of the Flaxton area in the vicinity of Clifton airfield. There are many difficulties, not the least being drainage, but with careful planning and imagination this could be one of the growth areas of the future.

I am, Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

G. A. W. HEPPELL

Chief Public Health Inspector and Housing Manager.

TABLE NO. 1

Year		Population	Structurally Separate Dwellings Occupied.	Population in private Families.
1901	(Census)	6,924	1,216	5,714
1911	"	8,469	1,583	6,917
1921	"	9,820	1,888	8,054
1931	"	14,217	3,140	12,002
1951	"	20,395	5,155	17,832
1961	"	28,892	9,025	27,375
1971	"	32,879	10,850	31,695

TABLE NO. 2

	No. of Houses	Estimated Population	Acreage
Bossall with Buttercrambe.....	41	119	2,691
Claxton.....	66	191	838
Clifton Without	714	2,071	930
Earswick.....	91	264	1,111
Flaxton.....	108	313	1,865
Gate Helmsley.....	79	229	497
Harton.....	29	84	2,004
Haxby.....	1,680	4,872	2,206
Heworth Without.....	998	2,894	843
Holtby.....	53	154	901
Huntington.....	2,883	8,361	1,835
Lilling.....	48	139	1,769
Murton.....	167	484	844
New Earswick.....	797	2,311	784
Osbaldwick.....	1,023	2,967	593
Rawcliffe.....	1,150	3,335	784
Sand Hutton.....	67	194	2,242
Skelton.....	307	890	2,428
Stockton-on-Forest.....	430	1,247	3,268
Strensall.....	534	1,549	2,909
Camp.....	153	443	
Towthorpe.....	31	90	1,075
Upper Helmsley.....	13	38	833
Warthill.....	63	183	1,004
Wigginton.....	454	1,317	1,880
	11,979	34,739	36,134

TABLE NO. 3

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF PERSONS PER DWELLINGHOUSE

1901	(Census)	4.70	average of	persons	per house
1911	"	4.39	"	"	"
1921	"	4.29	"	"	"
1931	"	3.83	"	"	"
1939	(National Registration)...	3.75	"	"	"
1951	(Census)	3.45	"	"	"
1952	(Estimated).....	3.51	"	"	"
1953	"	3.31	"	"	"
1954	"	3.32	"	"	"
1955	"	3.20	"	"	"
1956	"	3.27	"	"	"
1957	"	3.25	"	"	"
1958	"	3.18	"	"	"
1959	"	3.12	"	"	"
1960	"	3.16	"	"	"
1961	(Census)	3.20	"	"	"
1962	(Estimated)	3.17	"	"	"
1963	"	3.14	"	"	"
1964	"	3.16	"	"	"
1965	"	3.20	"	"	"
1966	"	3.20	"	"	"
1967	"	3.20	"	"	"
1968	"	3.13	"	"	"
1969	"	3.13	"	"	"
1970	"	3.12	"	"	"
1971	"	2.90	"	"	"
1972	"	2.91	"	"	"
1973	"	2.90	"	"	"

WATER SUPPLIES

The area is supplied partly by the Ryedale Water Board and partly by the York Waterworks Company, who are the Statutory Water Undertakers. There was no shortage of water in any part of the area during the year.

As will be seen from the table, there are four dwellings in the area without a piped supply of water in the house, and of these only two are occupied. They are all distant from public mains and served by wells.

FLOURIDE CONTENT

Water is supplied from two sources, both outside the Council's control, and the Managers of these undertakings inform me that the flouride content of their supplies is as follows:

York Water	-	Minimum	.15 p.p.m.
	-	Maximum	.26 p.p.m.
	-	Average	.20 p.p.m.
Ryedale Water	-	Average	.096 p.p.m.

TABLE SHOWING WATER SUPPLY POSITION IN EACH PARISH

PARISH	DATE MAINS PROVIDED	TOTAL HOUSES	TOTAL POPULATION	PIPED WATER SUPPLY								WELL SUPPLY.	
				YORK WATERWORKS				RYEDALE WATER BOARD					
				DIRECT TO HOUSE		STANDPIPE		DIRECT TO HOUSE		STANDPIPE			
				HOUSES	POP.	HOUSES	POP.	HOUSES	POP.	HOUSES	POP.	HOUSES	POP
Bossal with Buttercrambe	1947	41	119					41	119				
Claxton	1948	66	191					66	191				
Clifton Without	1914	714	2,071	714	2,071								
Earswick	1904	91	264	91	264								
Flaxton	1936	108	313					108	313				
Gate Helmsley	1947	79	229					79	229				
Harton	1947	29	84					29	84				
Haxby	1906	1,680	4,872	1,680	4,872								
Heworth Without	1932	998	2,894	998	2,894								
Holtby	1947	53	154					53	154				
Huntington	1900	2,883	8,361	2,883	8,361								
Lilling	1936	48	139					48	139				
Murton	1935	167	484	166	484							1	-
New Earswick	1903	797	2,311	797	2,311								
Osbaldwick	1915/31	1,023	2,967	1,023	2,967								
Rawcliffe	1935	1,150	3,335	1,150	3,335								
Sand Hutton	1947	67	194					67	194				
Skelton	1935	307	890	307	890								
Stockton-on-Forest	1935	430	1,247	430	1,247								
Strensall	1901	534	1,549					531	1,544			3	5
Camp	1900	153	443	153	443								
Towthorpe	1912	31	90	31	90								
Upper Helmsley	1947	13	38					13	38				
Warthill	1947	63	183					63	183				
Wigginton	1906	454	1,317	454	1,317								
		11,979	34,739	10,877	31,546	-	-	1,098	3,188	-	-	4	5

PROPERTIES SERVED BY SCHEMES OF SEWERAGE

PARISH	TOTAL HSES	HSES CAPABLE OF BEING SERVED BY SCHEME	OUTFALL OF PROPERTIES		OLD SEWERS	CESSPOOLS & SEPTIC TANKS
			COUNCIL'S SEWERS	CITY SEWERS		
Bosall with Buttercrambe	41	7 7	7	-	-	34
Claxton	66	58	58	-	1	7
Clifton Without	714	706	28	677	-	9
Earswick	91	66	66	-	1	24
Flaxton	108	83	81	-	2	25
Gate Helmsley	79	73	71	-	-	8
Harton	29	25	23	-	2	4
Haxby	1680	1655	1638	-	-	42
Heworth Without	998	998	782	188	-	28
Holtby	53	38	37	-	1	15
Huntington	2883	2838	2831	-	5	47
Lilling	48	-	-	-	14	34
Murton	167	148	148	-	-	19
New Earswick	797	779	777	-	-	20
Osbaldwick	1023	1016	986	30	-	7
Rawcliffe	1150	1132	941	204	-	5
Sand Hutton	67	44	42	-	2	23
Skelton	307	287	285	-	-	22
Stockton-on-Forest	430	324	322	-	1	107
Strensall	534	502	502	-	-	32
Camp	153	W.D.153	W.D.153	-	-	-
Towthorpe	31	-	-	-	-	31
Upper Helmsley	13	-	-	-	-	13
Warthill	63	35	35	-	-	28
Wigginton	454	422	418	-	-	36
	11,979	11,389	10,231	1,099	29	620

NOTE: The above table does not include the 271 properties now in the City of York but still discharging sewage to this Council's treatment works. (i.e. 225 properties originally in Huntington Parish and 46 originally in Osbaldwick Parish transferred to York in boundary extension of 1/4/68).

Methods of Disposal - Percentage Analysis

Properties connected to proper sewerage and sewage disposal plants:

(a)	Via Council's sewers to Council's Disposal Works	85.4%	
(b)	Via Council's sewers to York City Sewers	9.2%	94.6%

Properties connected to other means of disposals:

(a)	To old village sewers discharging to watercourse.....	.2%	
(b)	To cesspools, etc.....	5.2%	5.4%
			100.00%

SEWERAGE & SEWAGE DISPOSAL

The table above shows that over 94% of the dwellings in the rural district are served by the public sewerage system and, with only odd exceptions, the 407 new dwellings were built in areas served by the Rural District Council's sewerage system.

Of the 649 dwellings not connected possibly 100 will be catered for by the schemes in the pipeline for Lilling and Sandy Lane, Stockton-on-Forest, and the remainder are isolated properties unlikely ever to be capable of being served by a public sewer.

Although the Council had put money in the estimates for 1973/1974 for these two schemes the necessary drawing work in the Engineer's Department had not reached the stage where detailed schemes could be put to the Department of the Environment for approval.

The next large project will be the provision of a sewerage scheme, pumping stations, rising main and extension to the Walbutts Sewage Disposal Works to cater for the anticipated large-scale extension of the village of Strensall.

FACTORIES

Many of the visits undertaken during the year were in connection with other matters and not specifically to check the sanitary accommodation which is the only thing under our jurisdiction at mechanical factories. Informal notices were served in respect of four premises and all were complied with. The table and information below is that required by the Ministry of Employment and Productivity.

Mechanical		Non-Mechanical	
Agricultural Engineers.....	2	Slaughterhouses.....	1
Bakeries.....	3	Decorative glassware...	1
Breweries.....	1		
Concrete Products & Stone Blocks.	3		
Electrical Susbstations.....	2		
Engineering works.....	9		
Fat Extractors.....	1		
Firewood - Sawmills.....	4		
Furniture manufacture.....	1		
Grain drying.....	1		
Joinery.....	11		
Laundries.....	1		
Letterpress printing.....	1		
Motor Vehicle repairs.....	37		
Perambulator manufacture.....	1		
Plant repairs and road marking materials...	1		
Plumbing and Heatin Engineers....	2		
Scientific Instruments.....	1		
Slaughterhouses.....	3		
Tanneries.....	1		
Vegetable cleaning and packing...	2		
Vehicle breaking, spraying etc...	4		
Bacon curing	1		
	93		2

INSPECTION FOR PURPOSES OF PROVISIONS AS TO HEALTH

	Premises	No. on Register	Inspections	Notices	Prosecutions
(i)	Factories in which secs. 1.2.3.4 & 6, are enforced by the local authority	2	15	-	-
(ii)	Factories not included in (i) above in which Sec. 7 is enforced by the local authority	93	45	-	-
(iii)	Other premises in which Sec. 7 is enfoced by the local authority	-	-	-	-

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA

TABLE OF NOTICES SERVED	Informal	Statutory
Notices served under:		
Public Health Acts, 1936/61.....	58	4
Housing Acts, 1936/57.....	8	-
Food & Drugs Act, 1955.....	12	-
Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949.....	51	-
Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act, 1960.	8	-
Factories Acts, 1937/59.....	4	-
Noise Abatement Act, 1960.....	9	-
Offices, Shops & Railway Premises Act 1963.....	7	-
Clean Air Act, 1956.....	7	-
Animal Boarding Establishment Act 1963.....	-	-

TABULAR STATEMENT OF INSPECTIONS - 1973.

DWELLINGS	
Houses fit in all respect (Housing Acts)	50
Houses unfit and capable of repair	52
Houses unfit and incapable of repair	9
Overcrowding	1
Houses in multiple occupation	1
Separate dwelling within houses in multiple occupation	1
Houses for complaints and defects (Public Health Acts)	80
Houses for filthy and verminous conditions	3
Improvement Grants	513
Qualification Certificates	17
Closet Conversions	2
Drainage	58
Visits for purposes of Rent Acts	1
Visits for Enquiry	29
Other Visits not included in above	5
Caravans and Caravan Sites	20
Council House Management	3,095
FOOD AND DRUGS PREMISES	
Milk & Dairies Regulations	5
Visits for sampling	1
Ice Cream Premises	3
Fish and Chip Premises	9
Sausages and Pork Products	1
Bakehouses	2
Butchers Shops	4
Grocers and Provision Merchants	15
Confectioners Shops	5
Greengrocers	3
Sweet Shops	3
Restaurants, Cafes and Kitchens	11
Mobile Foodshops	6
Public Houses and Hotels	4
Other Food Premises	11
Visits for Meat Inspection	667
Visits for Food Inspection	24
Inspections for Food Hygiene Regulations	33
Slaughterhouses	18
Visits for Enquiry	39
Other Visits not included in above	10
Food Poisoning	2
TRADES & BUSINESSES	
Retail Shops	5
Catering Establishments, Canteens	1
Factories with mechanical power	45
Factories without mechanical power	15
Offensive Trades	10
Drainage	3
Visits for Enquiry	2
Other Premises not included in above	187
SMOKE ABATEMENT	
Smoke observations	2
Industrial Furnaces	2
Smoke Control Surveys	419
Visits for Enquiry	3
Other Visits	1
GENERAL	
Infectious Disease Visits	29
Rodent Infestations	38
Other Infestations	49
Keeping of Animals/Animal Boarding Establishments	11
Pet Animal Stores	2
Water Supply	7
Infirm or Verminous Persons	2
Watercourses, Ditches, Culverts	13
Waste Ground, Accumulations of refuse, litter	13
Other Nuisances	14
Visits for Enquiry	3
Noise Nuisances	18
Other Visits not included above	129
Civic Amenities Act	9
Environmental Improvement	29
Verbal notices given	54
Verbal Notices complied with	6
Prelim inary Notices served	8
Preliminary Notices complied with	5
Statutory Notices served	4
	5,951

OFFICES, SHOPS & RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963.

During the year one retail shop closed, reducing the total number of registered premises from 105 to 104.

Registrations & General Inspections				
Class of Premises	No. of Premises newly registered during the year.	Total No. of registered premises at end of year.	No. of registered premises receiving one or more general inspections during the year.	No. of persons employed.
Offices	-	18	-	126
Retail Shops	-	69	57	190
Wholesale Departments, Warehouses	-	1	4	11
Catering Establishments open to the public, Canteens	-	16	5	99
Fuel Storage Depots	-	-	-	-
	-	104	66	426 being 192 males 234 females

COMPLAINTS

Number of general complaints received.....	58
Number of general complaints investigated.....	58
Number where no action taken.....	-
Number of complaints received under the Prevention of Damage by Pests Act.	262
Number investigated.....	262
Number where action taken.....	68

HOUSING

1. INSPECTION FO DWELLINGHOUSES DURING THE YEAR:

(1) (a)	Total numberof houses inspected for defect under the Public Health & Housing Acts	309
(b)	Number of inspections made for the purpose	729
(2) (a)	Number of dwellinghouses included in (1) above which were inspected and recorded under the Housing (Consolidated) Regulations, 1925 - 1932	-
(3)	Number of dwellinghouses found to be in a state so dangerous to health as to be unfit for human habitation	9
(4)	Number of dwellinghouses (exclusive of those referred to in (3) above) found not to be in all respect reasonably fit for human habitation	150

2. REMEDY OF DEFECTS WITHOUT SERVICE OF FORMAL NOTICES (HOUSING & PUBLIC HEALTH ACTS):

Number of dwellinghouses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the local authority or by their officers	98

3. ACTION UNDER STATUTORY POWERS:

(a)	Proceedings under Section 1, 10 and 12 of the Housing Act, 1957:	
(i)	Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	-
(ii)	Number of houses rendered fit after service of formal notices:	
	(a) By owners	-
	(b) By local authority in default of owners	-
(b)	Proceedings under the Public Health Act 1936:	
(i)	Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	-
(ii)	Number of dwellinghouses rendered fit after service of formal notices:	
	(a) By owners	-
	(b) By local authority in default of owners	-
(c)	Proceedings under Sections 16, 17, 19, 21 & 23 of the Housing Act, 1957:	
(i)	Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	-
(ii)	Number of dwellinghouses demolished	-
(iii)	Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made	-
(iv)	Number of underground rooms or tenements in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the rooms having been rendered fit	-
(v)	Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which undertakings were given by owners to bring the properties to a standard in compliance with the Housing Act	-
(vi)	Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which undertakings were given by owners not to use premises for human habitation	-

4. HOUSING ACT, 1957 - PART IV - OVERCROWDING

(a) (i)	Number of dwellinghouses overcrowded at the end of the year	No Record
(ii)	Number of families dwelling therein	
(iii)	Number of persons dwelling therein	
(b)	Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year	-
(c) (i)	Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year	22
(ii)	Number of persons concerned in such cases	56
(d)	Particulars of any cases in which dwellinghouses have again become overcrowded after the local authority have taken steps to abate the overcrowding	-
(e)	Any other particulars with respect to overcrowding which it is considered desirable to report	-

The Rural District comprises a very high proportion of modern houses, most of them owner-occupied, the number of rented property declining. However, for the first time we have become aware of houses being occupied by groups of young people, mostly students from the University of York, and these are "houses in multiple occupation." So far it has not been found necessary to make any Management Orders, although adverse comment was made about one property at a Rent Tribunal hearing.

IMPROVEMENT GRANTS AND GENERAL IMPROVEMENT AREAS.

The 75% improvement grant again resulted in a greatly increased number of applications for discretionary grant, 92 in all, of which 68 were approved. 14 standard grant applications were received and all approved. As the 23rd. June, 1974, gets nearer, with the reversion to a 50% grant, there will be a dramatic fall in the number of applications.

STANDARD GRANTS

Year	No of applications received	No. of Applications approved	No of applications disapproved, deferred or not proceeded with
1968	15	15	-
1969	28	28	-
1970	27	27	-
1971	71	71	-
1972	32	32	-
1973	14	14	-

DISCRETIONARY GRANTS

1968	3	3	-
1969	5	5	-
1970	14	12	2
1971	16	11	5
1972	80	71	9
1973	92	68	24

CARAVAN SITES

Three caravans were brought into the area during the year and one was removed, leaving 16 individually licensed caravans in the area at the end of the year.

Year	No. of Caravans Brought into area	No. of Caravans removed from area	Total No. of licensed Caravans in area	Licensed Sites
1968	5	2	13	1 (Naturist Club)
1969	3	1	15	1 (Weir, Stamford bridge)
1970	1	-	16	
1971	1	-	17	
1972	1	4	14	
1973	3	1	16	

COMMON LODGING HOUSES

There are no common lodging houses in the area.

COUNCIL HOUSING

Four two bedroomed bungalows and six three bedroomed houses were erected and occupied at Stockton-on-Forest during the year. The number and types of property owned by the Council is listed below:

PARISH	Bed Recess Bungs.	Single Bed. Bungs.	2 bed bungs	4 bed bungs.	Tarran Prefabs. (2 bed)	2 bed hses.	3 bed brick hses.	3 bed Airey hses.	4 bdd hses.	Total
Buttercrambe			2			4	2			6
Claxton		2	2			4	8			16
Flaxton		3				2	6	6		17
Gate Helmsley		2				4	8			14
Harton						2	2			4
Haxby	6	24	4	1	16	24	99	5	3	177
Huntington		16	4		21	15	89	10	1	156
Lilling							2			2
Osbaldwick		18	8			17	21			64
Skelton		18	4			64	59	8	7	160
Stockton		6	8			20	36		2	72
Strensall	4	22	+ 3		13	10	48	8	2	110
Warthill						2	2			4
Wigginton			11			4	8		1	24
	10	111	44	1	50	172	390	32	16	826

+ The Hostel

Four two-bedroom bungalows were under construction at Calf Close, Haxby, and four three-bedroom houses and six two-bedroom bungalows at Rise Wood, Gate Helmsley. These are expected to be completed before 31st. March, 1974. No other building is contemplated but negotiations were in hand for the purchase of sufficient land at Strensall for 50 - 60 dwellings in a sheltered housing scheme, to go ahead when the sewerage system in that parish is capable of dealing with the sewage.

COMPARATIVE RECORD OF NEW HOUSES ERECTED

	1930	1931	1932	1933	1934	1935	1936	1937	1938	1939	1940	1941	1944	POST-WAR	1946	1947	1948	1949	1950	1951	19[illegible]
By Flaxton R.D.C.	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	3	14	12	-	-	4		50	32	112	78	75	44	[illegible]
By private individuals	103	177	171	209	241	224	203	226	205	246	42	-	-		61	40	6	21	18	20	[illegible]
By local authorities and other Housing Organisations	92	310	275	-	52	213	90	170	140	-	-	-	-		20	-	-	-	-	-	[illegible]
TOTALS	195	487	446	209	293	442	293	399	359	258	42	-	4		131	72	118	99	93	64	[illegible]

	1953	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972	197[illegible]
By Flaxton R.D.C. (Continued)	89	59	65	36	26	15	10	4	2	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	16	6	5	10
By private individuals	73	225	320	287	357	516	624	694	576	503	333	212	184	170	198	370	210	201	238	232	39[illegible]
By local authorities and other Housing Organisations	-	-	-	-	-	-	11	27	-	-	2	16	-	1	-	15	-	-	12	15	-
	162	284	385	323	383	531	645	725	578	503	335	228	184	171	199	385	210	217	256	252	40[illegible]

HOUSING APPLICATIONS

Eighty six applications for housing were received during the year and twenty seven families were rehoused. There are 159 outstanding applications comprising 76 for bungalows and 83 for houses.

Year	No. of applications on list on 1st January	No. of applications received during year	No. of families rehoused	No. on list on 31st December
1968	106	52	35	88
1969	88	63	31	103
1970	103	76	40	97
1971	97	59	31	125
1972	125	77	30	111
1973	111	86	27	159

MILK, MEAT AND OTHER FOODS

MILK

There are nineteen persons registered as distributors of milk in the area. Most obtain milk direct from bottling establishments outside the area and have no dairy of their own.

MEAT

The number of animals slaughtered in the area and inspected was marginally less than last year.

Whilst the table shows a relatively high proportion of disease it must be remembered that two of the private slaughterhouses in the area deal entirely in unfit or fallen stock. The inspection of this type of carcase presents a difficult task in which experience gained over the years is of the utmost value.

Thirty nine carcases were found to be infected with cysticerci, and were treated in cold store for the requisite length of time.

The closure of the slaughter-house, knacker yard and animal by-products processing plant of Messrs. G. W. Hopwood & Sons at Huntington brought relief from the odour which has adversely affected the residents of Huntington. It also, of course, brought relief from the almost daily inspection of carcases of animals slaughtered in emergency, either as casualties, reactors or for ill-health. The inspection of such carcases has required a great deal of skill which can only be acquired by experience.

The other firm dealing in casualties, Messrs. S. E. & M. Blowers at Murton, not unnaturally had more to handle and decided during the year to build a new slaughter-house further away from their knacker yard. Work was proceeding well by the end of the year and will result in a most welcome raising of the standard of construction and hygiene.

CARCASES INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED

	Horses	Cattle	Cows	Calves	Sheep	Pigs
Number killed	-	9,980	347	160	22,309	46979
Number inspected	-	9,980	347	160	22,309	46,979
All diseases except tuberculosis & cysticerci:						
Whole carcases condemned	-	84	115	23	25	53
Part carcase or organ condemned	-	4,638	13	2	431	10,409
% affected with disease other than tuberculosis and cysticerci	-	47.3%	36.9%	15.6%	2%	22.3%
Tuberculosis only						
Whole carcase condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Part carcase or organ condemned	-	-	-	-	-	170
Percentage affected with tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	-	.4%
Cysticerci only						
Whole carcases condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Part carcase or organ condemned	-	39	-	-	-	-
Percentage affected with cysticerci	-	.4%	-	-	-	-

Weight of meat condemned: 90 tons.

All carcases slaughtered in the Rural District were, of course, inspected. The numbers dealt with were almost identical to the preceding year except for cows, where the number dropped by 1200. Much of this was due to the running down, and eventual closure, of Hopwood's premises at Huntington.

Although swine vesicular disease was seriously affecting pigs in Yorkshire, no incidence of the disease was found in slaughterhouses in the area.

FOOD SHOPS

Routine inspections of food shops and mobile shops in the area continued during the year, some being combined with inspections under the Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act. Minor contraventions of the Food Hygiene (General) Regulations were noted and remedied. It was not necessary to take statutory action in any case.

Type of Premises	No. in area	Insepctions made	No.Complying with Reg.16 (washbasin)	No. to which Reg.19 applies (sink)	No. Complying with Reg.19 (sink)
Bakehouses	2	2	2	2	2
Butchers Shops	11	4	11	11	11
Confectioners	6	5	6	6	6
Catering Premises	12	11	12	12	12
Fish Shops	8	9	8	8	8
Greengrocers	10	3	9	9	9
Grocers	44	15	44	44	44
Sweet Shops	13	3	9	10	10
Wine & Spirits	1	1	1	-	1

UNSOUND FOOD

The following items of unsound food were brought in to the Council Offices. All were investigated and appropriate action taken.

1. Stale chocolate swiss roll
2. Tin of corned beef - bitter taste
3. Stone in plum cake
4. Beetle in tinned pears
5. Mouldy tea-cakes
6. Fly in bottle of milk
7. Broken glass in bottle of milk
8. Stale pork pie
9. Mouldy apple sponge cake
10. Stale vanilla slices
11. Oily dough in teacake
12. Mould on margarine
13. Mouldy bread
14. Discoloured pork luncheon meat
15. Compressed dough in sliced loaf

ICE CREAM

There are 74 premises registered in the area for the sale of pre-packed ice cream. No complaints were received during the year and conditions generally appeared to be satisfactory.

ANIMAL BOARDING ESTABLISHMENTS ACT, 1963

There is only one animal establishment in the area. This is being satisfactorily maintained in accordance with the requirements of the Act, although complaints are received about noise from dogs.

SCRAP METAL DEALERS ACT, 1964.

There are five persons registered under this Act.

POULTRY INSPECTION

There are no poultry processing premises in the district.

NOISE ABATEMENT ACT, 1960

Five complaints were received during the year about noise. Two were in respect of industrial noise, pumps, etc., one was in respect of roadworks construction, and two were in respect of domestic noise, household noise, record players, etc. All were investigated and appropriate action taken where required.

The North Riding County Council, as Planning Authority, asked the Council to specify a noise limit in connection with a proposed new building to house a tube mill at Messrs. Armstrongs' Patents Ltd., factory at Rawcliffe, because of the proximity of existing and proposed residential property. Fortunately the Council had authorised the purchase of a new sound level meter and readings were taken at various points on the boundary of the factory site. The Council recommended that the noise at the boundary should not exceed 39 dBA and this was included in the Planning permission. The firm were talking of making an Appeal against this one condition but had not done so by the end of the year, possibly because an independent firm of consultants had advised them that a noise of 40 dBA at night would give rise to complaints.

Comment was also made on the possibility of nuisance from traffic noise arising from the route of the York ring road in the Murton and Hopgrove areas.

OFFENSIVE TRADE PREMISES

The animal by-products plant operated by Messrs. G. W. Hopwood & Sons at Huntington closed down during the year and the buildings were completely demolished. These premises had caused innumerable complaints during the years because of the offensive odour produced from the rendering process. The firm decided to sell the site and re-establish the business on a more isolated site in the Thirsk Rural District.

Messrs. S. E. & M. Blowers still operate at Murton and the gradual increase in their business has meant that more carcases and offal are being processed. On occasions the odour from their plant can be recognised a mile away and your successor, the Ryedale District Council, may feel it necessary to try and adopt Offensive Trade Byelaws for the parish of Murton.

HYPERMARKET

Following a Town Planning Inquire two years earlier, planning permission was granted to the construction of a Hypermarket at the former site of Hopwood's slaughterhouse, etc., at Jockey Lane, Huntington, and construction work had started during the year. The expected opening date is mid-1974. We have no experience of retailing on this scale and it remains to be seen if it produces problems for your Public Health staff. I am sure that it will have a considerable impact on that part of Huntington. It will bring much-needed local employment and be a welcome shopping centre. It will also generate a lot of motor traffic which may not be so welcome through the comparatively narrow estate roads of Highthorn and Brockfield Park.

CONTAINERS

We had our first experience during the year of containers of bacon arriving at Morris' premises, Stockton-on-Forest, direct from the Continent, having passed through the docks un-inspected. We have been asked by this firm on several occasions to inspect and give condemned notes for quantities of bacon which has been found to be imperfectly cured.

PEST CONTROL

The Council's Rodent Operator has continued during the year to maintain the service given by the Council under the Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949. A free service is given to all domestic property and the Council has entered into Contracts with 37 farmers to service their premises at regular intervals. The table below gives the numbers and types of property dealt with and the visits required :-

Number of agricultural properties in the area	364
Number of initial treatments carried out	246
Necessitating the following further visits	276
Number of domestic and other properties in the area ..	11889
Number of initial treatments carried out	455
Necessitating the following further visits	1037

He has also been willing to deal with other pests, particularly with the many calls to deal with wasps nests which were adversely affecting dwellinghouses. He has also dealt with bats in one or two houses.

We have regular enquiries about moles which are throwing up hills on the lawns of private houses. We are unable to deal with these and it seems that mole-catching is a dying art in this part of the world. Rabbits, too, are on the increase everywhere and there is bound to be a demand ere long for the re-forming of the rabbit clearance societies.

CLEAN AIR ACT

In 1969 the Council made three Smoke Control Orders, the Haxby and Wigginton No. 1, No. 2 and No. 3 Smoke Control Orders, 1969, covering 236 acres of undeveloped land in these two parishes. These Orders became operative on the 1st. November, 1969, and by the 31st. December, 1973, 606 dwellinghouses were occupied in the Smoke Control Areas.

When the Department of the Environment approved these Orders they expressed the view that they should be part of a continuing programme of Clean Air and the Council agreed that this would be so. Accordingly, in 1973 I was instructed to report on a further stage and recommended that the parishes of Clifton Without and Rawcliffe be dealt with next as they are in the south-west part of the Rural District. A postal survey, followed by a visit to those who did not reply, showed that there are 1805 dwellings in these two parishes of which 1170 are already burning some sort of smokeless fuel. I reported to you again in October on the result of the survey and estimated that the total cost of converting the remainder to smokeless fuel would be £29080. In view of the impending demise of the Rural District Council you asked the Ryedale District Council to include in their estimates for 1974/1975 sufficient money to cover the Council's share of the cost.

During 1973 also, planning permission was granted for residential building on 25 acres of undeveloped land on the West side of Strensall Road, Huntington, and the Council decided to make this a Smoke Control Area. Accordingly the Huntington (No. 1) Smoke Control Order, 1973, was made and confirmed and will come into operation on 1st. March, 1974. At a density of 12 to the acre it is anticipated that there will be about 300 houses in the Area ultimately.